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C O N F I D E N T I A L IAEA VIENNA 3544

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SUBJ: HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM OF US ORIGIN IN SOUTH  
AFRICA

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF: A. PRETORIA 1449 B. IAEA VIENNA 3151

1. STATEMENT BY HUGO REPORTED LAST SENTENCE REF A APPEARS  
SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED IN THAT NO REFERENCE HAD BEEN MADE  
IN SA COMMUNICATIONS, AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE HERE,  
TO RELEASE OF IAEA INSPECTION REPORT PER SE. ACCORDING  
TO AMBASSADOR VON SCHIRNDING, HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED  
TO INFORM IAEA INSPECTOR GENERAL ROMETSCH ALONG LINES  
THAT SA HAS NO OBJECTION TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY  
ROMETSCH THAT IAEA HAS BEEN APPLYING SAFEGUARDS TO ALL  
US-SUPPLIED NUCLEAR MATERIAL IN SA, THAT NO DISCREPANCIES  
HAVE OCCURRED, AND THAT ROMETSCH CAN REVEAL SUCH INFOR-  
MATION AS HE SEES FIT IN ORDER TO SUBSTANTIATE FOREGOING  
CONCLUSION.

2. ROMETSCH CONFIRMS THAT HE HAS BEEN SO INFORMED  
ORALLY BY VON SCHIRNDING, BUT THAT HE INTENDED TO ASK FOR  
CONFIRMATION IN WRITING, INASMUCH AS VON SCHIRNDING  
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STRESSED THAT QUESTION OF EXTENT OF INFO TO BE DISCLOSED

IS TO BE LEFT TO JUDGMENT OF ROMETSCH. MOREOVER, ROMETSCH UNDER IMPRESSION THAT INTENTION OF SA IS THAT HE WOULD ONLY RESPOND TO SPECIFIC INQUIRY WITH "NO DISCREPANCY" STATEMENT, AND THAT HE WOULD ONLY GO BEYOND THAT IF PRESSED TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT CONCLUSION COMMENT: PRESUMABLY HE COULD GO SO FAR AS TO DESCRIBE DETAILS OF MOST RECENT IAEA INSPECTION AND RESULTS THEREOF, BUT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD MAKE PUBLIC THE INSPECTOR'S FORMAL REPORT PER SE, BECAUSE OF THE UNWELCOME PRECEDENT THAT WOULD ESTABLISH.

3. ROMETSCH OBVIOUSLY NOT ENTIRELY COMFORTABLE WITH SITUATION AND HOPES THAT NO NEED WILL ARISE FOR HIM TO RESPOND TO INQUIRY. IAEA HAS RECEIVED NONE TO DATE AND EXPECTS NONE IN VIEW ELAPSED TIME SINCE NEWS STORIES.

4. ROMETSCH UNCLEAR WHETHER SA AUTHORIZATION, AS HE PRESENTLY UNDERSTANDS IT, WOULD PERMIT HIM TO GIVE USG PERMISSION TO USE INFO RESPONDED REF B OTHER THAN FOR INTERNAL USG USE.

5. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION STRONGLY SUGGESTS, IF NEED OCCURS FOR PUBLIC USE BY USG OF INFO REPORTED REF B, THAT ROMETSCH BE CONSULTED BEFORE SUCH USE, LEAVING IT TO HIM TO DECIDE WHETHER HE SHOULD CONSULT SA BEFORE GIVING OK, IN WHICH CASE HE MAY ALSO WISH MAKE SAME INFO PUBLIC HERE. LABOWITZ

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